

Appl. No. 10/737,306
Docket No. 9134R2
Amdt. dated March 9, 2009
Reply to Office Action mailed on December 15, 2008
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 3, 4, 12-16, and 21-25 are pending in the present application. No additional claims fee is believed to be due.

Claims 11 and 26 are canceled without prejudice.

Claim 23 is amended to be in independent form.

Claims 3, 4, 12-16, 22, 24, and 25 are amended to be dependent on Claim 23, either directly or through an intermediate claim.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter and Outstanding Rejections

The previous Office Action indicates that Claims 23 and 26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended Claim 23 to be in independent form. The Applicants respectfully request Claim 23, and claims dependent thereon, be allowed.

The Applicants do not concede that the art, as cited in previous Office Actions, renders any of the claims as originally filed or amended unpatentable. The Applicants respectfully maintain arguments in previous responses against rejections provided in the previous Office Actions.

Conclusion

This response represents an earnest effort to place the present application in proper form. In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

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